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WE do not give this spring our usual detailed report of the prices at the trade sale, confining ourselves to this brief summary of general results. Our reasons for so doing are simply these: there is a general feeling among contributing publishers that neither their interests nor those of the trade are served by the quotation of such prices as are usually obtained at the trade sales. This feeling has been communicated to us, sometimes directly and courteously, sometimes indirectly and therefore not courteously; but we should be unfair did we not acknowledge very heartily the invariable courtesy with which Messrs. George A. Leavitt & Co. have treated this journal, in this as in all matters, although they could not, of course, look with satisfaction upon the position it has always held (and still holds) in regard to trade sales.

It will be remembered that last year some of the contributing houses united in a request that the general newspapers, addressing the public, should not report quotations,—a request based on the fact that the sale was a trade and not a public matter,—which was courteously honored by the daily press. Of course, in relation to the trade journals, addressing the trade, the aspect of the matter was different, and the request was not understood to apply there. Indeed, we understand that the retailing trade in general, who are the regular customers of the contributing publishers, consider themselves fairly entitled to be informed, through their trade journals of the current quotations of the goods in which they deal. It is of course objected that the citing of such quotations in a printed journal is so far a public matter, and that private purchasers, as the libraries, are given the benefit of quotations which do not concern them at all. Unfortunately it is not the quotations but the prices that produce the deprecated effects: when the streets teem with placards, and the general press with advertisements, of "Books from Trade Sale at less than half publishers' prices," it can scarcely be alleged that it is the publishing of prices in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY which does the harm. However, we have decided, with this explanation, not to quote individual prices at this sale, leaving it till fall to see if the publishing trade is better satisfied with the result.

The sale opened, as stated in our last, with a very fair attendance of buyers, which was maintained throughout most of the invoices of any attractiveness. The leading jobbers were generally represented, and laid in considerable quantities of stock at a decided advantage over their usual rates. The regular retail city trade, many of whom bought in the fall, were not on hand in force, but Messrs. Leggat, Henry Miller, James Miller, Rouss, the dealer in auction goods, and other city dealers, bought more or less liberally. The Western men were generally good bidders, though some of the usual faces and "call names" were missed.

The prices obtained ran better, we think, than most expected for the spring, and one contributor, especially, who duplicated to some extent, expressed himself as satisfied with the sale, which had been the best his house had ever had. A few of the best new books brought forty off and even a little better, the less salient recent issues running from this down to a third of retail price. Of course the bulk of the stock sold far below usual discounts, and the totals averaged probably between half or a third of retail prices. In speaking of prices as good, we are speaking, of course, from the auction, not from the regular, standard. The most notable falling off was in the lines of goods so popular last summer, which averaged from a fifth to a tenth of the retail price.

Many of the smaller invoices, though of salable books, suffered bad luck, and a good deal of dissatisfaction was expressed, as is usual at the close of a trade-sale, on the part of contributors whose goods were the victims of poor places on the catalogue, or of a bad time of day for their sale—elements which always come into play. In these invoices, really standard lines brought only a quarter of retail prices.

Messrs. Lee & Shepard replaced the list in the regular catalogue by a special catalogue, largely increasing the lines offered.

An offering of ten copies of the Trade List Annual was made "on account of whom it may concern"—*not*, we wish to have it distinctly understood, the publisher of that volume. The

lot was the surplus of a jobber's order, who had overestimated the number required for his distribution.

Very good prices were obtained for Mr. Harding's clearance stock.

In view of the present stagnation of trade, and the embarrassments in both the publishing and distributing systems, the sale, we may say, was reasonably successful. But this means that the book business is being more and more conducted by means of forced sales. It is always possible to sell goods—provided they are sold "regardless of cost," as it is literally stated. Our old friend the "Book Butcher," up the river, made large sales, but when he failed, the publishers who had sold him had the satisfaction of finding that even the stock he had just bought from them was mortgaged for his rent, and that there was left for them just "nothing on the dollar,"—not a very satisfactory price even for the old plugs the butchers and Christmas auctions and gift enterprises are supposed to be so useful in selling. But the result is that not only is regular business presently diverted from reliable houses, who, to be sure, buy only what they can sell and pay for, but it is demoralized for a considerable period; it is not now but a year hence that the results of bad policy are most felt, when perhaps the causes are forgotten. Most of the best retailers in New York, fearing to lose their reputation for "enterprise" with their own customers, in view of the competing prices of undersellers, have recently, at one time or another, stocked "cheap counters," or filled their windows with "trade-sale stock at trade-sale prices." That served its purpose for a little while, but when everybody at last was doing it, nobody gained, and business was flatter than before.

It is poor time to criticise unwise methods of business, because "necessity knows no law," and in hard times business men feel obliged to force returns at any sacrifice. This is the real key to trade difficulties, and all that can be said is that, as the present confusion is cleared by the severe processes of bankruptcy, the houses that remain and that have a future must be asked to reject methods of forcing business that at last kill business. Doubtless the book business, if publishers choose, can be done chiefly through the trade sales and the underselling shops—but at what expense the present falling off in the retailing and jobbing trade already suggests.

A RECENT reference to a city dealer who advertised school-books at half publishers' prices has been misunderstood by our friend Mr. A. S. Clark to reflect upon him. Nothing could be further from our intention. Mr. Clark has been of service to the trade and to individual buyers in building up an exchange and second-hand business, and his advertisements are of "any *second-hand* school-books at half publisher's price"—an offer possible and perfectly legitimate. The small dealer to whom we referred put himself in unfair competition with Mr. Clark and other honest dealers by advertising books not as second-hand for prices at which fresh school-books could not possibly be sold.

POSTAL MATTERS.

THE following letter from Postmaster James, called out by a letter of inquiry from Mr. Simmons, will be found of interest:

NEW YORK, April 5, 1878.

H. E. SIMMONS, ESQ., Business Agent, American Tract Society, City.

DEAR SIR: Your favor of this date at hand. In reply, I have to say that I see no objection to the free delivery of monthly publications here (at "pound rates"), provided the letter-carrier force be so increased as to permit such delivery to be made without serious detriment to the *letter* delivery. Further, I believe that such delivery could be made with the present force if the privilege of "sample copies" be not granted.

I do not know, and never did know, any reason for the charge of one cent each on circulars for local delivery, while the mail rate is fixed at one cent per ounce. I am even in favor of reducing the latter to one cent for each two ounces. Very respectfully,

THOS. L. JAMES,
Postmaster.

THE United States Official Postal Guide for April is now ready. It contains the organization of the Post Office Department; the rates of postage, domestic and foreign; full information respecting foreign mails, postal money orders, with a list of money-order offices; a list of the letter-carrier offices; times of arrival and closing of mails at principal cities; a list of all the post offices in the United States arranged alphabetically, and the same arranged alphabetically for the several States. Eighty-nine rulings of the Post Office Department from December 1, 1877, to March 1, 1878, are given.

OBITUARY.

JAMES HAIN FRISWELL.

JAMES HAIN FRISWELL, for many years connected with *The Publishers' Circular*, but best known as the author of "The Gentle Life," died suddenly at his residence, Fair Home, Bexley Heath, England, on the 12th ult. Mr. Friswell was continually active in literary labor. "The Gentle Life," with which his name will always be most closely associated, ran through a large number of editions, and won for itself many friends for the cheerfulness and pleasantness with which the subject is treated. He also edited the "Bayard Series."

BOOK NOTICES.

History of the English People, by John Richard Green, M.A. Vol. II. (Harper.) The second volume of this important work dates from 1461, and ends with the year 1603. It includes two books, namely, V. and VII., denominated "The Monarchy" and "The Reformation." Beginning with the ascension of the house of York, in the person of Edward the Fourth, it gives a vivid picture of the intrigues and dissatisfaction that marked that period; the weakening of the power of the Church; the revival of learning; the succession of Henry the Eighth, and a strong portrait of his personal traits and character; Woolsey's ambition and power and final overthrow; Thomas Cromwell's schemes and his tragic ending; the dawn of the reformation; the reign of Elizabeth, and Mary Stuart's connection with English history. Of these two rival queens Mr. Green gives an admirable portrayal, painting their great virtues and great vices with the pen of a master. The volume ends with Elizabeth's death, and a brief history of the England of Shakespeare. We can scarcely speak too highly of the beauty and earnestness of Mr. Green's style, and the fascination his entire narrative possesses even for the general reader. In a series of grand word-pictures, he brings these familiar figures of English history before us in altogether a new guise. Judging them by the accumulated evidences of centuries, and by the calm, cool common-sense of to-day, he seems to come nearer a true estimate of their real characters than any previous historian. 8vo, cloth, $2.

Fantasy and Passion, by Edgar Fawcett. (Roberts.) Edgar Fawcett stands in the front rank of a band of young American poets who have charmed the readers of this decade with their songs, which have enriched and embellished the columns of almost every well-known periodical. While he has been an industrious poet, his work is not ephemeral, as the present volume shows. Although of unequal merit, they all have the ring of true poetry, while many of them are perfect gems in the way of word-painting. As an example of his best style, we cite "The Iceberg," a longer poem than he is in the habit of indulging in, but one noticeable for its almost perfect rhythm, its very characteristic choice of epithets, its polished form, and most especially its grandeur of thought and conception. Trifles like "The Statuette" and "An Old Tea-cup" show how charmingly he can work out a quaint conceit. In "The House on the Hill" we have a tender love-story, and in "Violante" a passionate, sensuous poem, the incidents of which were suggested by a story from Boccaccio. The sonnets and "cameos" which make up the third division of the volume are probably, taken together, stronger in literary merit than any of the preceding parts of the work. They evince a maturity of thought and a delicacy and refinement of style only gained through experience. The little book is gotten up in the publisher's best manner. 16mo, cloth, $1.25.

Voyage of the Paper Canoe, by Nathaniel H. Bishop. (Lee & Shepard.) "A geographical journey of 2500 miles, from Quebec to the Gulf of Mexico, during the years 1874–'5." The author left Quebec, in a small wooden canoe, with a single assistant, intending to follow the natural and artificial connecting water-courses of the continent in the most direct line southward to the gulf coast of Florida, to show how far were the interruptions to a continuous water-way for vessels of light draught. At Troy he fell in with the firm of E. Waters & Sons, manufacturers of paper boats, and was persuaded by them to make the rest of his journey alone in one of their canoes. Not the least interesting portion of the book are the chapters here devoted to a history of paper boats. A true and minute account is given of the whole journey, the perils encountered, and the many facts of interest to the naturalist, geographer, and scientific man, which Mr. Bishop evolves from his experience. Ten maps, beautifully engraved, showing the route of the paper canoe, embellish the book. They were engraved by the United Coast Survey Bureau, and as the work is based on the results of actual surveys, they may be considered, for their size, the most complete of the United States Coast ever presented to the public. 8vo, cloth, $2.50.

Shakespeare's Tragedy of King Richard II., as presented by Edwin Booth. The Prompt-Book, edited by William Winter. (Printed by Francis Hart & Co.) Mr. Winter does good service to the drama and its patrons in reforming "the book of the play" into the fit and handy shape and the careful scholarship of these "prompt-books," of which that above mentioned is the latest. The series gives Mr. Booth's acting versions, with the stage directions printed neatly on one side of the leaf—thus permitting stage or spectator's notes—prefaced by a brief characterization of the play and its position on the stage, and with an appendix giving a more detailed review of its motive, development, and characters. The outward shape is very tasteful, while the price is low. Mr. Winter has previously published "Hamlet" and "Richard III.," has "Richelieu" and "King Lear" nearly ready, and is at work upon "Othello" and "Macbeth."

The Bible for Learners, by Drs. H. Oort, I. Hooykaas, and A. Kuenen. (Roberts.) The object of the writers of this work has been to separate the merely mythical narratives of the Bible from those which are without doubt historical. It is with no irreverent spirit they have done their work, indeed with quite the contrary, as they intend that their researches shall lead to a more sacred holding of such parts of the Testaments as they accept. Liberal teachers will prize the work highly, and be glad to place it in the hands of young students. This volume deals with the generations before Moses, and from Moses to David. It contains a brief introductory sketch of the history of Israel. It will be followed about the 1st of May by a second volume, comprising Kings and Prophets, and completing the Old Testament, which will contain an index to both volumes. Volumes on the New Testament will follow immediately. 12mo, cloth, $2.

The Great Thirst Land, by Parker Gillmore. (Cassell, Petter & G.) "Ubique," the *nom de plume* of Mr. Gillmore, is especially appropriate. He is one of the most truly ubiquitous travellers we have record of. All parts of the inhabited and uninhabited globe have known him, and bear testimony to his

bravery and gallant deeds. He describes, in this volume, a ride through Natal, Orange Free State, Transvaal, and Kalahari Desert, taken in the course of a hunting trip made to South Africa, in company with a couple of friends. Lions, leopards, elephants, giraffes, and the black rhinoceros were the game that was hunted and slaughtered with much skill, and with many exciting and dangerous adventures. The author has a keen sense of the humorous, making his descriptions unusually interesting. 8vo, cloth, $3.50.

THE HISTORICAL STUDENT'S MANUAL, by Alfred Waites. (Lee & Shepard.) The purpose of this manual is to show, at a glance, the duration of the reign of all the English monarchs, and that of their contemporaries of France, Germany, and the papacy, from the invasion of "William the Conqueror" to the present time, with all the principal events and celebrated persons. Great advantage must accrue to the student who makes use of this work; for, by frequently seeing the various rulers' names in juxtaposition, he will find that they become almost unconsciously memorized. 8vo, cloth, 75 cents.

THE LAW OF COPYRIGHT, etc., by Hugh M. Spalding. Handy Law Series—Brevier Edition. (Ziegler.) In a vest-pocket volume, the editor has compiled, in dictionary fashion, the main points of the copyright law in its various relations, and of business connected with copyright, including blank forms for publishers' agreements, copyright proceedings, etc., etc. The statute itself is given in full. This little manual will be very useful; the paper and press-work should be improved in future editions. 24mo, cloth, 50 cents.

STATIONERY NOTES.

R. WORTHINGTON, having purchased the entire stock, remainders, dies, etc., of the Palmer Photo-autograph Albums, formerly manufactured by Barr & Co, will soon offer to the trade an entire new stock of these goods in various new styles.

THE Stationers' Board of Trade has secured three rooms on the second floor, north-east corner, of the Bennett Building, Nassau and Ann Streets. The new quarter is well lighted and convenient in every respect.

COPYISTS, lawyers, students, public speakers, and such as are employed in banks, counting-rooms, and insurance offices, who find it desirable to have a book-holder, will do well to investigate the merits of the Portable Book-Holder, manufactured by F. P. Little, Providence, R. I. The holder consists of a sustaining desk, 8 x 11 inches, affixed to a small tripod, and can be easily carried to any part of the room and used upon any article of furniture having a flat surface. The desk will hold the largest book as easily as the smallest pamphlet, and when placed upon it is firmly held in position by springs, which are easily operated when turning the leaves. The book can be raised or lowered, and adjusted to any angle for light or convenience. The holder is of iron, of a pretty design, finished in black enamel ornamented, has nickel-plated springs, and weighs only five pounds.

JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

THE April 1st *Bookseller* has an interesting paper giving "Reminiscences of Nassau Street," called forth by the removal of John Pyne uptown.

MRS. MARY HALLOCK FOOTE will contribute the frontispiece and a story of fisher-folk life on the Hudson to the May *St. Nicholas*. This number will also include an interesting illustrated paper on the Philadelphia Mint.

AMONG the features of the May *Scribner's* will be a fully illustrated paper on The New York Post Office, "now practically the largest in the world," by Edward Eggleston—one of the illustrations being a large portrait of Postmaster James, drawn by J. Alden Weir, and engraved by Cole.

Harper's for May will be devoted largely to birds and poets. An article on "Song Birds of the West," by Robert Ridgway, is spoken of as noteworthy, even at the present standard of wood-cut illustration, for the remarkable beauty of its pictures of birds and their surroundings. Eugene Lawrence will have a fully illustrated paper on "The Italian Poets."

THE new London weekly *Light* promises to be less a "literary journal" than a weekly magazine. Mr. Anthony Trollope will begin in its first issue a new novel, "The Lady of Launay;" the author of "St. Abe and His Seven Wives" will contribute "A Modern Symposium," and among other writers promised Mr. Charles Reade, Mr. Blackmore, Mr. Thos. Hardy, and Mr. Jenkins, M.P.

IN the April number of the *Magazine of American History* (A. S. Barnes & Co.), the biographical sketch is of the celebrated Colonel Peter Force, the American annalist, whose monumental work, a manuscript collection of the American Archives, is now the property of the United States. The patience and industry of Colonel Force are graphically told by the veteran historian, Professor George W. Greene, of Rhode Island. The portrait of Colonel Force is now first engraved.

In *Appletons' Journal* for May will appear a novelette, by Julian Hawthorne, entitled "Mrs. Gainsborough's Diamonds;" a comprehensive article descriptive of Rapid Transit in New York, illustrating all the leading projects that have from time to time been advanced, and the construction, methods, and appearance when finished of the present enterprises; and a number of hitherto unpublished letters by Edgar A. Poe. These pertain to the last three years of the poet's life, and are drawn entirely from original sources.

THE *Literary World* is getting better and better. Among its April features are a select list of new books recommended for library purchase, brief biographies of new authors whose names are not to be found in the cyclopedias, a conversation "On a Choice of Shakespeares," participated in by Arthur Gilman, the Rev. H. N. Hudson, Justin Winsor, and other Shakespearean scholars; a paper by Mr. Winsor on "Recent Caxtonian Discoveries," and, in "Notes and Queries," a two-column note upon the literature of the Roman Catholic question in the United States. Unfortunately it, too, is going into the premium business.

BUSINESS NOTES.

BOSTON.—The meeting of Lockwood, Brooks & Co.'s creditors at their store, April 4th, was very largely attended, nearly every creditor being represented. Mr. H. O. Houghton was chosen to preside, and Mr. Thompson acted as secretary. Mr. Lockwood submitted the following statement: Liabilities, $104,978.79. Assets—stock, $52,397.21; cash, 213.17; accounts, $16,722,54; total assets, $69,332.92; showing a deficit of $35.645.87. In addition to the $104,978.79 liabilities, the firm have some $10,000 in notes which have been discounted, but they are all said to be good and will be paid at maturity. Mr. Lockwood said frankly that their expenses had been too large for their business. The firm had the lease of the whole building on their hands, and many rooms had been vacant. Since last May their losses had been $49,000, and since the 1st of January they had reduced their merchandise liabilities $27,000, but it had been done at the expense of the friends who have loaned them money. The firm had no proposition to make, preferring to turn every thing over to their creditors. The following gentlemen were appointed the committee: H. O. Houghton, A. S. Parsons, C. H. Hunter, Dana Estes, and John A. Loring.

BOSTON.—The committee of creditors of J. H. Bufford's Sons urge the acceptance of twenty cents on the dollar offered by Messrs. Bufford.

BOSTON.—A meeting of the creditors of W. H. Brett & Co. was held on the 10th, at 13 Exchange Street, for the purpose of proving the debts and appointing assignees.

CHICAGO.—In the matter of Hadley Brothers, the Chicago *Times* gives an interview with Mr. Raymond, since the filing of the petition in voluntary bankruptcy, giving his reasons for declining the final proposition made at the meeting of creditors in New York,—60 per cent during the year, with security and interest. "He had offered to pay 50 per cent with time, or 40 per cent on terms equivalent to cash. They had insisted that the stock was worth certainly 85 per cent of the liabilities. If that were so, he argues, the stock itself was sufficient security, and if they would supervise the stock and sell it to realize, say, 60 per cent, he would be the last one to suggest an objection. He does not consent to the terms, because he thinks they are simply ruinous to him. . . . Suit has been entered against the Hadleys in the United States Court by Scribner, Armstrong & Co. for debt alleged to be due the latter firm, and it is said a receiver for their personal effects will be asked for. The petition in bankruptcy sets forth the following facts: The unsecured debts amount to $106,001.13; the preferred debts, mostly taxes, to $513. The firm is responsible on bills and notes amounting to $5300. The assets consist of cash on hand amounting to $809. The stock on hand is valued at $50,000. There is a horse and wagon valued at $250. The store fixtures are worth $3652.07. There are debts due on open account amounting to $68,934.64. There is insurance amounting to $63,000. Raymond's individual debts, unsecured, amount to $5800. His assets consist of land valued at $50. There are unliquidated claims amounting to $1900. The individual debts of Gillingham, unsecured, amount to $3300. His assets are merely nominal. The debtors have offered to compromise with their creditors for 40 per cent, and a meeting will be held to consider the proposition on the 17th inst."

ELMIRA, N. Y.—The partnership heretofore existing between Fitch & Dumars, booksellers and stationers, has been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. James Dumars retiring. Mr. A. S. Fitch will continue the business alone at the old location, 135 East Water Street.

GILMAN, ILL.—A. S. Ford, book-dealer, has sold out to Oscar R. Money.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Wm. Ballantyne, bookseller and stationer, has associated with him his son, Robert Carter Ballantyne, and will hereafter carry on the business under the name and firm of Wm. Ballantyne & Son, at 428 Seventh Street.

WOOSTER, O.—McClellan & Co., booksellers, stationers, etc., have dissolved partnership by mutual consent. All accounts will be paid by Jesse McClellan, who has associated with Lewis McClellan, and will carry on business at the old stand, No. 21 East Liberty Street, under the firm name of McClellan Brothers.

LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

JOHN W. BLISS, Hartford, Ct., has just issued a catalogue of books formerly published by Hamersley & Co.

"The Rival Belles; or, Life in Washington," by J. B. Jones, is the latest addition to T. B. Peterson & Brothers' "Dollar Series of Good Books," making the seventeenth volume.

PROF. MATHEW'S "Getting on in the World" has just been republished at Stockholm in the Swedish language. The 38th thousand is just published by S. C. Griggs & Co.

REV. A. J. CHURCH, whose "Stories from Homer" are just republished by Harper & Brothers, is engaged upon a companion volume of "Stories from Virgil."

A LITTLE volume of suggestions for "The Improvement of the Prayer Meeting," by Rev. L. O. Thompson, is in press by W. G. Holmes, Chicago.

THE favorite topic of "Art Embroidery" and the revival of decorative work will be treated in a little book by M. S. Lockwood and E. Glaister, announced by S. W. Tilton & Co., Boston.

H. I. CREDNER, in a circular dated Leipsic, March, 1878, announces that he has established an agency for the purchase and sale of electrotypes, making it a specialty to sell the electrotypes of foreign publishers.

"POLITICAL Economy," by Prof. W. Stanley Jevons, "Jebb's Greek Primer," "Grammar Exercises," and "A Latin Speaker" will soon be published in Appletons' "Science and Literature Primer Series."

HOMER LEE & CO. are pushing forward their volume of "West Point Tic-tacs," which will have an introductory poem by Bret Harte, and illustrations by Nast (through the courtesy of Harper & Brothers, with whom his engagements are exclusive), Darley, and others.

R. WORTHINGTON has nearly ready a new edition, in eight volumes, of Knight's "England." This edition will be printed from new plates, and sold for $10. He will also issue an elegant

new edition of Russell's "Tour of the Prince of Wales," containing additional plates.

A. J. BICKNELL & Co. have in preparation a book on "South Carolina; or, Southern Homes for Northern Men," by Daniel T. Atwood, which describes the kind of houses needed in the South, and is fully illustrated with plates.

MACMILLAN & Co. have in preparation Professor Fawcett's volume on "Free Trade and Protection, with special reference to the causes which since the introduction of free trade in England have retarded its progress in other countries."

A VOLUME of selections from Johnson's Lives of the British Poets, edited with a preface by Mr. Matthew Arnold, is forthcoming from the press of Macmillan & Co. The editor's aim has been to supply students with a good history of the poetical literature of England from Waller to Gray.

MR. B. P. SHILLABER ("Mrs. Partington") has written a book for boys, in which Mrs. Partington and Ike are introduced in such a way, says the *Times*, that every boy will see himself as in a glass, and old boys will be made to remember that they were once boys themselves. It will be published by Lee & Shepard in the fall.

MR. POOLE has alloted all the serials which it is proposed to include in his new "Index to Periodical Literature," with the exception of the English journals reserved for the English committee, to the libraries which have offered co-operation. These number forty-one, including most of the largest in this country. It is proposed to complete the preliminary work within six months.

HOUGHTON, OSGOOD & Co. announce a reduction in price of Hunt's "Talks on Art" from $1.50 to $1. This sagacious and suggestive book has just been republished in London, and the leading journals speak in high terms of it. Professor William Matthews' new book will be on "Orators and Oratory."

THE records of law books will furnish few instances of success equal to that gained by "Jones on Mortgages." It has been published less than a month, and already nearly half the edition is sold. The subject of mortgages, unfortunately, interests almost everybody nowadays, but fortunately Mr. Jones has prepared a work which is at once accepted by the best judges as an authority.

HARPER & BROTHERS have just issued a new edition of their celebrated "Hand-Book for Travellers in Europe," by W. Pembroke Fetridge, brought down to January, 1878, being several years later than the date of any European hand-book of travel. It is now in its seventeenth year, and is the most complete guide to a tour through Europe that could be recommended. It has become so bulky that it is issued in three volumes. The first volume, before us, is just what the visitor to the Paris Exposition needs, with its numerous maps and plans of Paris, its environs, and the Exposition. It is specially devoted to the places of interest in "Great Britain, Ireland, France, Belgium, and Holland."

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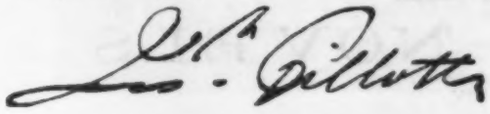

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